

Downtown Specific Plan & General Plan Amendments

Block 20 2018-7585

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General Plan Initiation

History

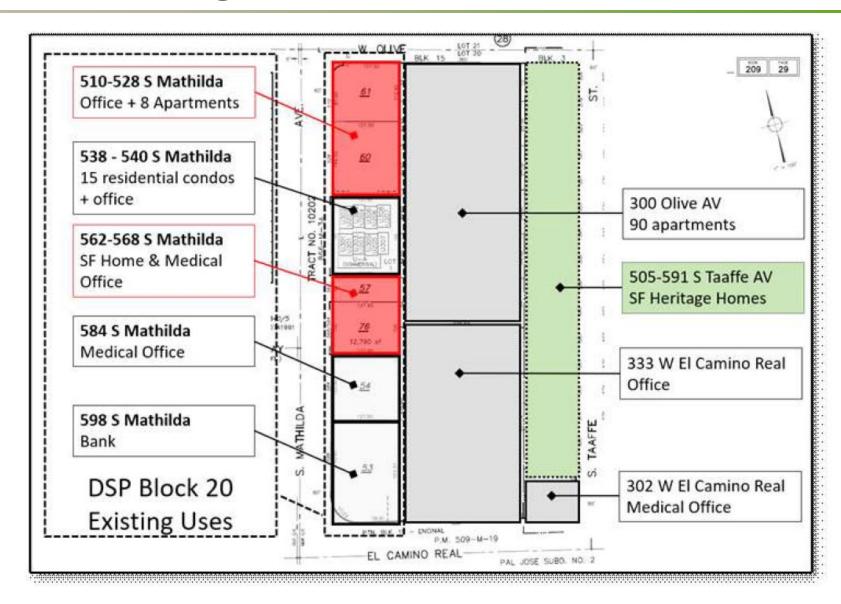
- Approved by City Council on May 8, 2018
- Study entire Block 20
- High Density Residential/Office to Mixed Use
- Increase residential units 51 to 103
- Increase commercial 16,400 sf to 36,500 sf
- Update development standards and design guidelines
- No increase in height limit

Overview

Study Details

- Downtown Specific Plan Amendment (DSPA)
 - Projects that inform the Amendments:
 - 510-528 S. Mathilda Avenue (Karimi)
 - 562-568 S. Mathilda Avenue (Taheri)
- DSP Amendment:
 - Additional residential units and office square footage
 - Modifications to design guidelines and development standards
- General Plan Amendment Land Use & Transportation Element:
 - Reflect El Camino Real Specific Plan projected buildout

Block 20: Existing Uses



Conceptual Project #1

510-528 S. Mathilda Ave.

- Site Size: 31,537 sf (0.72 ac.)
- Housing above commercial
- Up to 60 feet height (5 stories)
- 43-46 units (60-65 units/acre)
- 10,230 sf ground floor commercial





Conceptual Project #2

562-568 S. Mathilda Ave.

- Site Size: 19,185 sf (0.44 ac.)
- Housing over commercial
- Up to 46 feet (3+ stories)
- 25 units (56.8 units/acre)
- 4,240 sf ground floor office





Summary: Recommended Land Uses – Block 20

	Land Area (acres)	# DU	Commercial/ Office (s.f.)
CURRENT DSP			
High Density Residential	1.34	51	0
Office	1.22	0	16,400
TOTAL	2.56	51	16,400
RECOMMENDED DSP			
Downtown Mixed Use	1.63	70	19,307
Commercial/Office	0.93	0	11,041
TOTAL	2.56	70	30,348

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Summary of Amendments

- DSP Chapter 5 Land Uses and Development Intensities Block 20
 - High Density Residential (1.49 ac) to Downtown Mixed-Use (1.63 ac)
 - Residential units from 51 to 70
 - Office/Commercial from 16,400 to 30,348 sf
 - Delete Historic Resource reference 568 S. Mathilda Ave
 - Maintain building height @ 40 ft
- Update Allocated Housing Units in Appendix A
- Design Guidelines for Block 20
- Land Use and Transportation Element
 - Update Buildout Scenario

Outreach & Hearings

- July 14, 2021
 - Neighborhood Outreach Meeting
- November 21, 2021
 - Planning Commission Study Session
- December 12, 2022 Planning Commission Hearing
 - 6-0 recommend City Council approval (one absent)
 - No public comments

Recommendation

Staff Recommendation

Alternative 1:

Accept the EIR Addendum in Attachment 4

and

Alternative 2:

 Adopt a Resolution to amend the General Plan and Downtown Specific Plan and Adopt a Resolution to amend Figure 3-2 in the LUTE in Attachment 5